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July 28, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PRC(I) Meeting on the budget, 25 July 1980

The DCI went through the backup book topic by topic.

Overall budget level. This discussion produced no surprises but did result in a little headshaking on the part of OMB. John White assumes that some of the cost growth can be reversed in the process of the program and budget scrub. Everybody at the table other than OMB seemed to agree that generous support of the NFIP was appropriate. Even OMB wasn't very hard over on the point.

Production. The preferences of the principals broke pretty much as expected on this issue. Everyone except DoD was in favor of shifting the proportion of NFIP production away from military and S&T toward political and economic. DoD agreed that an increase in the quantity of political and economic production was appropriate, just not at the expense of things they cared about. Treasury argued that what they needed was more information rather than analysis. DoD argued that a good deal of political and economic analysis takes place outside the community, so those things should be counted as well as NFIP activities. David Aaron made a strong pitch for the President's interest in more political and economic production, arguing that the events that have surprised and embarrassed us have been related to Third World problems, not to Soviet military capabilities.

NRP costs. We talked about the sources of the cost growth. John White encouraged us to set a target for non-NRP growth like we did last year, protecting that at some relatively austere level of guidance, so that the NRP/budget total tradeoff will be clear for them to deal with in the fall. Everyone seemed to agree that this was a good idea. John thought we ought to be looking seriously at why NRP costs are growing as they are.

Imagery exploitation. David Aaron argued that imagery is becoming similar to SIGINT in that we can collect more than we can possibly process.

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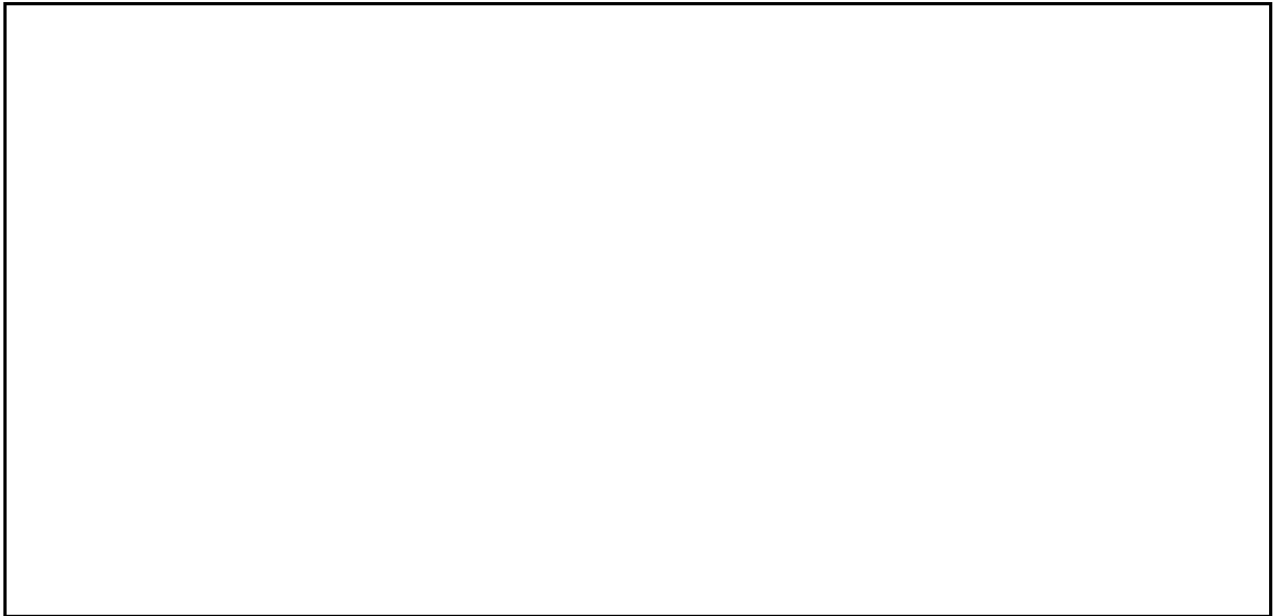
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That means that selectivity will have to be applied and we should not build a processing and exploitation system that is adequate to handle the full flow from the spacecraft. He recognizes that in such a situation aides to screening become an important problem. [redacted] disagreed with this on a number of points. He argued that we don't take pictures of unnecessary targets anyway, so that the parallel with SIGINT is faulty.

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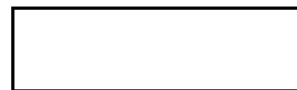


In their general statements at the end, some of the principals restated their views. The only new point added was that Spurgeon Keeney wanted to make sure that we were not cutting back so far in R&D that we were sacrificing long run future capabilities. Turner promised to come back in the fall with a statement on where R&D was coming out.

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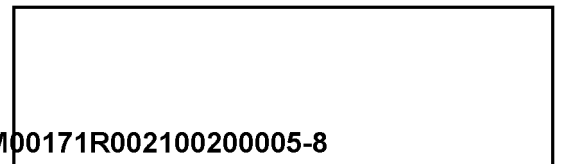


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